

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1947.													
May ...	62	88	41	51	61	61	83	43	56	78	101	32	79
June ...	32	38	61	41	44	38	32	63	53	8	56	76	29
July ...	64	135	155	137	122	80	142	171	152	8	17	17	11
August ...	136	94	100	178	117	129	82	96	97	61	35	146	65
September ...	148	168	119	175	147	140	139	126	131	82	48	34	67
October ...	148	161	106	136	136	170	135	115	127	78	70	65	74
November ...	144	192	156	176	165	128	196	156	163	143	150	170	146
December ...	168	285	306	174	247	173	325	319	302	176	262	256	208
1948.													
January ...	99	107	110	49	99	104	115	95	101	88	150	220	121
February ...	82	211	252	138	180	74	222	253	222	42	66	99	56
March ...	144	90	21	72	81	136	82	16	48	141	151	36	130
April ...	80	102	145	75	107	90	112	140	126	92	40	71	76
May ...	145	138	120	129	133	117	123	102	109	123	117	186	129
June ...	202	204	102	214	171	168	171	111	134	363	194	156	293

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

It is anticipated that the total production of wool in New South Wales will be approximately 418,000,000 lb. in 1947-48, compared with 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47 and an average of 492,436,000 lb. in the five seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46.

The Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46 were purchased by the British Government under war-time contract. Auction sales were resumed in 1946 under agreement between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of current clips.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales was approximately 38d. per lb. in the year ended June, 1948, compared with 23⁶d. per lb. in 1946-47.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
July ...	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568
August ...	113,506	110,161	66,310	91,158	189,713	178,857	127,655	151,726
September ...	73,356	132,093	206,309	141,592	263,069	310,950	333,964	293,318
October ...	129,588	183,001	209,694	184,962	392,657	493,951	543,658	478,280
November ...	166,656	174,501	128,416	125,808	559,313	668,452	672,074	604,088
December ...	111,713	47,412	67,454	59,723	671,026	715,864	739,528	663,811
January ...	101,888	44,883	22,200	24,206	772,914	760,747	761,728	688,017
February ...	24,884	23,146	17,611	28,046	797,798	783,893	779,339	716,063
March ...	23,799	28,966	23,087	38,706	821,597	812,859	802,426	754,769
April ...	20,854	36,385	31,351	43,359	842,451	849,244	833,777	798,128
May ...	34,419	40,424	52,392	38,472	876,870	889,668	886,169	836,600
June ...	41,007	36,141	36,660	...	917,877	925,809	922,829	...

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
Average—1934-35 to 1943-44 ...	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1943-44	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6
1944-45	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6
1946-47	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3·5
1947-48*	5,425,000	5,100,000	101,000,000	19·8

*Preliminary Estimate.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Thousand lb.						
July	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004
August	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833
September	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025
October	10,107	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446	6,464
November	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	8,658
December	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628
January	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369
February	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,689
March	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	8,214
April	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	6,146*
May	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	4,750
June	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	.....
Year	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	.....
Eleven Months ended May	107,906	85,263	68,435	71,508	56,561	72,980

*Revised.

5. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks.	Last day of Period. (1948 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
First Period ended on ...	24th Jan.	23rd Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	1st Feb.	31st Jan.	
First*	31st Jan.	731	744	625	640	519	859†	539
Second	28th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860	796	918
Third	27th Mar.	981	813	781	893	913	833	869
Fourth	24th April	886	843	782	755	859	804	964
Fifth	22nd May	1,003	843	930	791	674	773	878
Sixth	19th June	965	907	866	914	906	990	.....
Seventh	17th July	918	899	884	846	798	992	.....
Eighth	14th Aug.	953	905	884	914	946	995	.....
Ninth	11th Sept.	1,028	938	880	778	911	994	.....
Tenth	9th Oct.	984	868	970	842	975	979	.....
Eleventh	6th Nov.	973	937	870	759	1,017	1,092	.....
Twelfth	4th Dec.	965	939	891	869	976	1,130	.....
Thirteenth	31st Dec.	886	904	906	308	932	448*	.....
Year		12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,685	.....
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	60	180	523	756	959	.....
Period of 20 weeks ended—	16th May.	15th May.	13th May.	12th May.	11th May.	24th May.	22nd May.	
Northern District ...	3,085	2,827	2,695	2,539	2,568	2,711	2,718	
Western District ...	609	558	567	637	597	688	719	
Southern District ...	840	791	630	770	660	666	731	
Total (20 weeks) ...	4,534	4,176	3,892	3,946	3,825	4,065	4,168	
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above ...		21	39	186	233	308	458	

*Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1943 to 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks. † Four-weekly periods changed.

SECTION B.—BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Private building figures relate in years marked (a) to permits issued by local councils of Sydney and Suburbs, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan Shires; and in periods marked (b) to permits issued by *all* local councils.

Government building figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

Period.	Sydney and Suburbs.			Remainder of State.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 (a)	11,718	894	12,612	4,887	2,672	7,559	16,605	3,566	20,171
1941 (a)	10,847	1,725	12,572	4,758	2,904	7,662	15,605	4,629	20,234
1942 (a)	1,446	1,371	2,817	1,079	3,932	5,011	2,525	5,303	7,828
1943 (a)	1,361	3,109	4,470	508	1,574	2,082	1,869	4,683	6,552
1944 (a)	1,603	1,606	3,209	869	2,304	3,173	2,472	3,910	6,382
1945 (a)	5,271	3,662	8,933	4,630	1,638	6,268	9,901	5,300	15,201
1946 (a)	18,070	3,794	21,864	13,506	2,651	16,157	31,576	6,445	38,021
1947 (a)	20,252	4,299	24,551	16,596	3,023	19,619	36,848	7,322	44,170
1947 (b)	20,252	4,299	24,551	21,565	3,023	24,588	41,817	7,322	49,139
Jan.—April (b)									
1947 ...	6,853	1,825	8,678	6,486	898	7,384	13,339	2,723	16,062
1948 ...	6,565	1,949	8,514	7,802	1,442	9,244	14,367	3,391	17,758
Month (b)									
1947—Mar.	1,772	487	2,259	1,874	232	2,106	3,646	719	4,365
Apl.	1,658	330	1,988	1,602	160	1,762	3,260	490	3,750
May	1,697	232	1,929	1,958	211	2,169	3,655	443	4,098
1948—Mar.	1,970	450	2,420	1,940	495	2,435	3,910	945	4,855
Apl.	1,799	846	2,645	2,440	364	2,804	4,239	1,210	5,449
May	2,037	619	2,656	*	393	*	*	1,012	*

(a) and (b) see notes above table.

* Not yet available.

7. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.				Country.	Total, New South Wales.
	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.	Balance of Cumberland.	Total.		
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 (a)	1,886	10,334	1,360	13,580	4,002	17,582
1940 (a)	1,534	10,184	1,417	13,135	3,470	16,605
1941 (a)	552	10,295	1,488	12,335	3,270	15,605
1942 (a)	271	1,175	199	1,645	880	2,525
1943 (a)	249	1,112	139	1,500	369	1,869
1944 (a)	332	1,271	353	1,956	516	2,472
1945 (a)	264	5,007	2,677	7,948	1,953	9,901
1946 (a)	1,213	16,857	6,830	24,900	6,676	31,576
1947 (a)	1,315	18,937	7,944	28,196	8,652	36,848
1947 (b)	1,315	18,937	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
Jan.—April (b)						
1947 ...	420	6,433	2,424	9,277	4,062	13,339
1948 ...	277	6,288	3,035	9,600	4,767	14,367
Month (b)						
1947—Mar.	97	1,675	686	2,458	1,188	3,646
Apl.	83	1,575	610	2,268	992	3,260
May	79	1,618	699	2,396	1,259	3,655
1948—Mar.	135	1,835	728	2,698	1,212	3,910
Apl.	29	1,770	940	2,739	1,500	4,329
May	68	1,969	1,310	3,347	*	*

(a) [and (b)] see notes above Table 6.

* Not yet available.

8. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.— ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	Houses.	Flats (inc. conversions)	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops with Dwellings.	Shops only.	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<i>Sydney and Suburbs.</i>								
Year, 1946 ...	14,387	681	200	111	501	3,942	2,042	21,864
" 1947 ...	16,523	1,373	167	163	184	3,471	2,670	24,551
<i>Months</i>								
1947—Jan.—April..	5,246	380	54	52	78	1,767	1,101	8,678
Mar. ...	1,363	79	16	15	25	354	407	2,259
April ...	1,417	122	17	11	21	246	154	1,988
May ...	1,406	101	32	11	9	257	113	1,929
1948—Jan.—April..	5,622	541	3	101	25	1,313	909	8,514
Mar. ...	1,666	120	...	63	6	378	187	2,420
April ...	1,663	104	1	16	11	469	381	2,645
May ...	2,035	223	2	23	23	155	195	2,656
<i>Remainder of State.</i>								
Year, 1946 (a) ...	12,606	170	231	243	231	638	2,038	16,157
" 1947 (a) ...	16,127	247	292	224	310	738	1,681	19,619
" 1947 (b) ...	20,516	300	313	306	386	849	1,918	24,588
<i>Months (b)</i>								
1947—Jan.—April..	6,025	107	117	125	174	225	611	7,384
Mar. ...	1,796	31	50	29	49	31	120	2,106
April ...	1,528	34	29	37	29	24	81	1,762
1948—Jan.—April..	7,625	159	37	85	51	459	828	9,244
Mar. ...	1,945	60	1	5	12	61	351	2,435
April ...	2,246	40	14	28	18	306	152	2,804
<i>Total, New South Wales.</i>								
Year, 1946 (a) ...	26,993	851	431	354	732	4,580	4,080	38,021
" 1947 (a) ...	32,650	1,620	459	387	494	4,209	4,351	44,170
" 1947 (b) ...	37,939	1,673	480	469	570	4,320	4,588	49,139
<i>Months (b)</i>								
1947—Jan.—April..	11,271	487	171	177	252	1,992	1,712	16,062
Mar. ...	3,159	110	66	44	74	385	527	4,365
April ...	2,945	156	46	48	50	270	235	3,750
1948—Jan.—April..	13,247	700	40	186	76	1,772	1,737	17,758
Mar. ...	3,611	180	1	68	18	439	538	4,855
April ...	3,909	144	15	44	29	775	533	5,449

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

9. DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS—AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.

(Private and Governmental, including owner-built houses, but excluding new houses on farms and military huts converted.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.
1946—Sept. Qtr. ...	No. 5,002	No. 2,600*	No. 1,650*	No. 7,530	No. 4,705	No. 2,719
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,229	2,675*	2,150*	6,493	4,208	3,437
1947—March Qtr. ...	4,081	2,590	1,603	6,660	4,454	2,774
June Qtr. ...	4,699	2,996	2,061	7,644	5,016	3,414
Sept. Qtr. ...	5,006	3,259	2,328	7,972	5,204	3,620
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,156	3,045	2,236	6,973	4,911	3,748
Year 1947 ...	17,942	11,890	8,228	29,249	19,585	13,556
1948—March Qtr. ...	3,876	3,124	2,115	6,499	4,772	3,640

* Exclusive of flats.

" Authorised " means permits issued for private houses plus contracts let for Governmental houses.

At end of March, 1948, there were 19,221 dwellings in houses and flats " remaining uncompleted " in N.S.W.

SECTION C.—TRADE.

10. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Million £									
Year.	200'29	229'03	238'65	240'54	251'40	251'74	299'76	347'46	...
January ...	13'24	15'83	18'69	17'18	18'01	18'62	17'62	21'70	25'22
February ...	16'54	17'48	19'39	21'60	20'48	21'48	21'72	26'28	30'33
March ...	15'78	17'40	19'53	19'44	18'00	21'75	22'33	24'22	33'20
April ...	15'79	19'06	19'19	21'88	21'68	20'81	26'88	27'32	33'82
May ...	17'46	18'75	20'72	19'56	21'45	22'24	25'21	30'33	...
June ...	14'88	21'76	18'93	20'91	20'67	19'40	23'58	27'98	...
July ...	15'28	17'63	19'17	19'81	20'87	22'01	25'74	27'82	...
August ...	16'81	20'41	20'86	18'75	23'82	20'22	28'74	32'11	...
September ...	19'44	21'60	19'59	19'93	21'46	23'72	28'97	32'00	...
October ...	19'22	18'25	22'06	20'80	21'82	22'36	26'56	30'89	...
November ...	17'53	20'58	19'54	21'07	20'30	39'13	24'65	32'66	...
December...	18'32	20'28	20'98	19'61	22'84		27'76	34'15	...

11. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1939	303	303	+ 2'4	+ 2'0	+ 2'6	+ 0'9		
1940	303	305	+ 6'3	+ 17'0	+ 4'0	+ 1'9		
1941	305	304	+ 14'6	+ 8'0	+ 9'0	+ 4'0		
1942	304	303	— 5'3	+ 9'2	— 5'1	— 8'4		
1943	303	306	— 11'3	— 6'8	— 9'7	— 17'6		
1944	306	302	+ 3'2	— 0'2	— 4'6	+ 1'4		
1945	302	301	+ 15'8	+ 11'1	+ 6'7	+ 5'0		
1946	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3'8	+ 28'0	+ 20'0		
1947	302	302	+ 18'7	+ 32'5	+ 21'5	+ 8'6		
1947.								
April	22	22	+ 12'8	+ 38'6	+ 19'7	+ 9'6	+ 13'6	+ 25'5
May	27	27	+ 9'8	+ 40'6	+ 19'4	+ 8'0	+ 12'7	+ 22'7
June	23	24	+ 38'2	+ 34'8	+ 15'8	+ 7'7	+ 19'0	+ 18'3
July	27	27	+ 12'0	+ 29'2	+ 20'1	+ 8'1	+ 19'0	+ 18'5
August	27	26	+ 16'9	+ 33'4	+ 14'0	+ 6'6	+ 21'8	+ 16'6
September	25	26	+ 41'3	+ 28'5	+ 21'8	+ 6'5	+ 23'6	+ 18'5
October	26	26	+ 23'4	+ 25'3	+ 17'5	+ 7'4	+ 26'6	+ 17'7
November	26	25	+ 8'9	+ 27'5	+ 19'9	+ 5'6	+ 23'8	+ 19'7
December	24	24	+ 18'8	+ 26'2	+ 22'1	+ 5'1	+ 17'1	+ 20'0
1948.								
January	25	25	+ 23'8	+ 24'1	+ 16'9	+ 6'3	+ 16'7	+ 19'7
February	24	24	+ 15'0	+ 23'5	+ 25'0	+ 8'6	+ 19'1	+ 21'3
March	26	24	+ 19'6	+ 29'8	+ 16'0	+ 7'0	+ 19'5	+ 19'1
April	22	25	+ 35'2	+ 29'4	+ 22'9	+ 8'4	+ 24'0	+ 21'1

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 28.

SECTION D.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

12. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

		Month of May.			Eleven Months ended 31st May.		
		Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
		£	£	£	£	£	£
1946	...	2,780,821	2,279,373	501,448	28,737,307	22,528,972	6,208,335
1947	...	2,534,373	2,255,219	279,154	27,970,537	22,952,175	5,018,362
1948	...	3,201,329	2,605,967	595,362	33,599,991	27,462,496	6,137,495

* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £6,857,000 in year 1946-47.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

		Month of May.		Eleven Months ended 31st May.	
		Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.
		thousands	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1946	...	1,558	23,517	14,497	245,660
1947	...	1,367	22,028	15,146	238,345
1948	...	1,461	22,942	16,007	242,499

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

13. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.	Earnings.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.
Month of May—	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	466,700	466,000	700	48,100	48,800	(-) 700
1947 ...	470,400	512,000	(-) 41,600	51,700	53,400	(-) 1,700
1948 ...	589,600	645,000	(-) 55,400	62,800	66,000	(-) 3,200
Eleven months ended 31st May—						
1946 ...	4,951,800	4,823,500	128,300	517,300	486,500	30,800
1947 ...	5,071,100	5,131,000	(-) 59,900	545,100	543,300	1,800
1948 ...	6,543,500	6,511,300	32,200	684,100	683,800	300

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £479,010 in year 1946-47.

Adult fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased by one penny per journey from 1st July, 1947.

14. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1945.	1947.		1948.		
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	31st May.	30th November.	31st March.	30th April.	31st May.
Cars ...	216,633	169,916	185,665	198,319	204,667	208,854	210,399	212,073
Lorries, Utilities and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	84,257	112,398	120,175	124,383	125,399	126,296
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,366	1,787	2,314	2,735	3,061	3,190	3,300
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	12,319	19,186	20,738	22,278	22,825	23,168
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	4,076	5,794	6,182	6,440	6,502	6,550
Omnibuses† ...	794	890	1,039	1,151	1,316	1,380	1,409	1,413
Taxi-cabs† ...	1,331	1,352	1,351	1,420	1,550	1,613	1,615	1,627
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	662	1,146	1,278	1,331	1,362	1,393
Trailers ...	6,538	6,965	9,187	14,549	16,373	17,886	18,086	18,210
Total ...	329,219	267,768	300,343	356,277	375,014	387,226	390,787	394,030

MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

Period.	Number of New Vehicles Registered.							
	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Tractors. †	Cycles.	Omnibuses. ‡	Taxi-cabs. ‡	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—								
1937-1939 ...	1,748	721	15	191	12	47	99	2,833
1942-1945 ...	36	179	13	13	4	2	73	320
1946 ...	320	404	25	170	4	...	204	1,127
1947 ...	1,018	633	31	265	23	5	250	2,225
Month—								
1947-May ...	815	513	27	246	20	...	186	1,807
September.	1,320	873	39	213	40	11	242	2,738
October ...	1,451	817	56	417	39	15	269	3,064
November.	1,298	836	40	339	30	5	213	2,761
December..	1,248	876	49	366	36	4	579	3,158
1948- January ...	871	510	30	361	22	9	405	2,208
February ..	1,265	662	42	413	4	10	198	2,594
March ...	1,398	690	55	518	24	16	221	2,922
April ...	1,776	724	57	546	26	5	222	3,356
May ...	1,844	738	55	435	23	21	147	3,263

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

15. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ...	423,649	564,184	570,080	608,306	699,023
February ...	427,211	563,702	570,952	606,880	702,658
March ...	427,964	563,791	573,205	616,114	702,890
April ...	428,848	567,295	576,218	618,385	710,944
May ...	431,149	571,616	575,144	663,518	693,550
June ...	433,029	572,697	575,864	679,595	...
July ...	433,972	573,078	580,747	686,633	...
August ...	431,029	572,893	583,172	691,944	...
September ...	432,795	568,280	585,985	698,312	...
October ...	435,573	571,656	588,321	698,539	...
November ...	440,335	573,637	591,001	698,416	...
December ...	441,934	571,790	598,643	703,577	...

SECTION E.—FINANCIAL.

16. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
million £.			million £.		
Taxes—			Social Services*—		
Customs and Excise ...	93'70	105'65	Invalid, Age Pensions ...	26'69	33'44
Sales	33'72	31'57	Widows' Pensions ...	3'04	3'55
Income	166'13	181'48	Child Endowment ...	17'48	18'16
Payroll	12'20	15'25	Other	9'12	8'38
Estate	3'49	4'12	Payments to States ...	18'35	18'87
Entertainments ...	4'73	4'77	Tax Reimbursed to States	34'17	38'59
Other	3'85	3'46	Post Office	20'73	26'14
Total Taxes	317'82	346'30	Other	76'61	82'95
Post Office	27'22	28'57	Defence and Post War ...	184'60	144'72
Other	24'74	18'33			
Total Revenue ...	369'78	393'20	Total Expenditure ...	390'79	374'80

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than Defence and Post-War which is included above) in the eleven months ended May, consisted of advances to States for Housing, £9,665,000 in 1947, and £11,235,000 in 1948; and Contribution under International Monetary Agreements Act, £10,192,000 in 1948.

17. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
	£000	£000		£000	£000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	2,674	2,674	ing Fund	15,019	15,302
Reimbursement of Taxes...	14,279	16,070	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	996	1,080	Activities	1,506	1,464
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	5,315	6,500	Net Debt Charges ...	13,513	13,838
Other Taxes	1,105	1,373	Other than Debt Charges—		
Land	1,455	2,233	Governmental	23,654	27,842
Services	1,775	1,942	Business Undertakings ...	29,767	35,890
Other	3,560	3,914			
Total Governmental	31,159	35,786			
Business Undertakings ...	35,744	42,014			
Total Revenue ...	66,903	77,800	Total Expenditure ...	66,934	77,570

Loan expenditure on works and services during the eleven months ended May, was gross £13,445,000 and net (i.e. gross less repayments to loan account) £12,500,000 in 1948, compared with gross £7,675,000 and net £7,419,000 in 1947.

18. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318.4	28.6	23.9	22.1	.....	291.7
1940 " ...	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7	.....	289.9
1941 " ...	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9	.....	283.7
1942 " ...	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 " ...	453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 " ...	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 " ...	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1946 " ...	627.1	32.3	40.0	122.7	258.5	224.3
1947 " ...	648.3	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1947—						
February ...	650.4	41.8	36.4	84.3	271.6	264.7
March ...	656.2	38.6	38.2	82.7	276.1	268.1
April ...	659.0	36.3	29.1	81.6	280.1	278.5
May ...	653.8	36.2	19.3	81.3	280.2	285.5
1948—						
February ...	686.6	43.5	21.4	59.1	269.4	337.2
March ...	705.6	49.4	26.4	59.1	275.2	333.7
April ...	709.5	49.8	31.3	59.1	280.5	338.1
May ...	708.4	44.1	28.8	59.0	286.7	344.1

* Excluding London Funds.

19. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 18 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (18 banks).			
	Deposits.			Advances.	Deposits.			Advances.
	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.		Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1945—September ...	79.7	173.4	255.7	104.8	220.2	413.4	644.0	239.0
December ...	81.8	180.4	265.1	106.2	223.2	443.5	675.5	240.2
1946—March ...	79.4	197.1	280.2	105.7	217.6	480.0	707.4	248.5
May ...	77.6	198.9	279.7	108.9	212.0	480.1	702.9	259.3
June ...	76.4	198.2	277.8	111.6	209.6	476.6	698.5	259.5
September ...	76.3	200.5	279.6	126.0	206.4	475.9	694.0	285.6
December ...	77.0	206.2	286.3	133.0	204.7	492.4	708.4	303.5
1947—March ...	75.2	212.3	289.8	136.5	202.5	517.9	731.5	312.8
May ...	73.0	213.2	289.1	142.9	199.7	517.3	729.8	331.7
June ...	71.5	212.5	286.8	144.8	199.0	511.5	722.7	336.0
September ...	72.8	207.2	283.1	157.1	200.2	500.2	710.0	362.9
December ...	71.3	219.1	293.3	169.4	197.9	534.2	742.6	385.6
1948—January ...	70.7	221.0	294.2	180.2†	197.1	539.2	746.6	397.0†
February ...	69.8	228.6	300.7	179.8	196.1	557.1	763.0	396.7
March ...	69.3	235.5	307.6	179.1	196.9	579.2	785.2	395.1
April ...	69.4	239.9	312.0	180.5	197.2	584.0	790.4	401.3
May ...	69.1	240.6	312.7	182.4	196.9	582.3	789.0	408.5

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945.

† Rural Bank advances included in this table were £14.7m. in December, 1947, and £24.5m. in January, 1948; the latter figure included for first time Advances for Homes and Personal Loans.

20. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).*

As at 30th June.	Amount of Deposits,†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.				
			1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1936 ...	80,000	January	86,824	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430
1937 ...	81,952	February	86,591	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182
1938 ...	86,016	March	86,269	187,894	230,420	229,665	232,712
1939 ...	87,474	April ...	86,222	189,566	230,920	229,328	232,788
1940 ...	82,111	May ...	86,097	192,884	232,221	228,549	233,034
1941 ...	87,750	June†	87,474	198,203	236,242	231,368	...
1942 ...	94,538	July ...	87,201	200,932	237,305	231,530	...
1943 ...	122,405	August ...	86,957	204,794	236,985	231,070	...
1944 ...	162,867	September	86,557	207,520	235,806	232,654	...
1945 ...	198,203	October	86,751	209,906	234,804	232,568	...
1946 ...	236,242	November	86,684	214,806	233,006	231,775	...
1947 ...	231,368	December	86,581	219,560	231,311	231,250	...

* Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

† Including accrued interest.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £25,971,008 at 31st May, 1948, including £457,279 net receipts in May.

21. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	171.3	98	136	150	152	154	196	236
February ...	75.5	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	182.0	96	139	147	149	157	194	231
March ...	80.5	123.4	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	196.4	93	138	146	145	164	193	230
April ...	70.7	125.3	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	205.9	98	150	150	154	176	218	253
May ...	82.0	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	233.1	100	155	158	160	184	229	269
June ...	80.3	132.6	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	...	101	163	166	169	195	236	...
July ...	71.2	114.3	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	...	98	155	168	167	206	229	...
August ...	74.9	122.7	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	...	99	160	169	168	214	227	...
September ...	74.9	116.5	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	...	99	155	163	166	217	232	...
October ...	78.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	...	100	152	159	166	216	234	...
November ...	86.1	129.3	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	...	102	149	153	164	211	243	...
December ...	91.7	127.3	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	...	106	150	152	159	208	243	...
Year ...	932.3	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	...	100	151	156	160	196	226	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

22. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
1939—Year ...	50,520	£18,179,537	156,787	£7,539,660	25,719,197
1944 „ ...	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945 „ ...	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946 „ ...	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947 „ ...	96,661	43,592,919	115,892	10,475,719	54,068,638
1947—Jan.—April ...	25,517	10,848,585	29,796	2,555,123	13,403,708
1948—Jan.—April ...	25,310	11,629,305	36,220	3,458,834	15,088,139
January ...	4,055	1,872,270	4,867	462,218	2,334,488
February ...	5,915	2,809,260	9,819	969,042	3,778,302
March ...	6,738	3,145,331	12,593	1,162,297	4,307,628
April ...	8,602	3,802,444	8,941	865,277	4,667,721

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

23. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£
1947—Year ...	2,799,175	788,685	1,452,174	5,040,034
1947—Jan.—April...	770,509	233,496	464,351	1,468,356
1948—Jan.—April...	1,788,784	250,675	739,945	2,779,404
January ...	721,307	52,423	177,059	950,789
February ...	345,122	63,915	223,013	632,050
March ...	451,649	69,132	213,530	734,311
April ...	270,706	65,205	126,343	462,254

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1929—April \$	179·3	183·8	129·4	174·1	243·5	174·4	172·6
1931—Sept. \$	72·3	60·2	87·9	75·2	121·3	74·4	77·2
1937—Mar. \$	213·8	203·8	181·0	169·2	281·2	190·4	200·5
1945—Sept. ...	242·7	207·8	170·8	146·7	264·6	195·8	210·3
1947—June ...	330·4	318·1	194·9	171·0	401·0	258·1	272·1
Sept. ...	332·1	306·4	187·9	168·8	399·6	253·5	264·5
Oct. ...	341·2	311·6	188·1	173·9	399·1	258·8	270·9
Nov. ...	347·3	318·2	190·7	179·8	399·2	264·4	276·4
Dec. ...	355·4	318·8	189·8	183·4	404·4	268·7	280·4
1948—Jan. ...	361·4	315·5	184·7	191·7	407·8	271·5	283·7
Feb. ...	358·1	311·2	180·5	189·0	404·8	268·6	280·3
Mar. ...	345·3	305·6	179·7	173·7	401·6	260·5	268·4
April ...	350·9	308·6	178·0	176·1	399·7	261·8	272·3
May ...	359·1	315·1	178·4	186·7	403·5	265·9	277·1
June ...	362·7	319·6	177·2	187·6	407·0	267·7	279·4

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

25. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities.†		Trading Banks—Rates on Fixed Deposits.			
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short-dated.	Long-dated.	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months. ‡
Average for year—			Under 5 years (a).	10 years and over (a).				
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'76	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'92	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'30	1'58	2'08	2'33	2'58
			2 years (b).	12 years (b).				
1941	5'5	4'9	2'47	3'23	1'50	1'92	2'17	2'42
1942	5'4	4'9	2'45	3'24	1'29	1'54	1'79	2'04
1943	5'0	4'7	2'48	3'23	1'25	1'50	1'75	2'00
1944	5'0	4'4	2'45	3'24	0'79	1'04	1'40	1'90
1945	4'8	4'4	2'47	3'25	0'50	0'75	1'23	1'73‡
1946	4'5	4'3	1'90	3'24	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1947	4'4	4'3	2'12	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
Months—								
1947—May	4'5	4'4	1'88	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
June	4'5	4'3	1'92	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
September	4'4	4'3	2'28	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
December	4'4	4'3	2'46	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1948—January	4'4	4'2	2'49	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
February	4'4	4'2	2'46	3'18	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
March	4'4	4'3	2'40	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
April	4'4	4'3	2'38	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
May	4'4	4'3	2'34	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50

* Weighted average rate of interest. Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month. Interest on securities is subject to Commonwealth Income Tax (a) at rates not exceeding those in 1930, (b) at current rates.

‡ From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1'50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

26. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939†.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Thousand £.											
January	2,449	1,090	1,786	2,246	4,576	4,895	1,591	383	608	1,078	1,858	3,671
February	2,438	1,507	1,999	2,357	4,729	4,825	1,841	611	593	1,179	2,031	2,400
March	3,623	1,552	2,059	2,726	4,395	4,640	2,225	663	688	1,047	2,005	2,441
April	2,245	931	1,663	3,832	3,593	5,243	2,025	302	526	1,431	1,674	2,551
May	3,090	1,307	2,204	4,697	4,763	5,137	2,112	495	606	1,641	2,299	2,266
June	2,613	1,809	2,373	3,593	4,617	...	1,658	687	864	1,708	2,079	...
July	2,919	1,992	2,726	4,005	5,335	...	1,950	543	902	1,622	2,484	...
August	3,068	2,241	2,238	5,670	5,346	...	2,770	723	861	2,352	2,085	...
September	2,934	1,772	2,684	6,440	4,988	...	1,501	597	1,005	2,328	2,378	...
October	2,330	1,654	3,260	5,826	4,843	...	1,713	634	1,128	2,161	2,641	...
November	2,381	1,899	3,106	5,180	4,978	...	1,702	529	1,072	2,163	2,238	...
December	2,067	1,708	2,195	4,105	5,061	...	1,344	699	899	2,473	2,220	...
Year	32,157	19,462	28,293	50,677	57,224	...	22,444	6,866	9,752	21,183	25,992	...

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered. † Approximate.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

27. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of May.			Five Months ended 31st May.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946	89,062	316,908	150,270	387,918	884,803	466,561
1947	70,943	173,637	262,425	504,596	816,226	656,753
1948	56,557	204,464	182,501	146,602	901,089	886,882

See note under Table 26.

* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION F.—GENERAL.

28. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (*e.g.* Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Governmental. (a)	Private. (b)	Total. (b)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (b)	Building and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)	
MALES. (Thousands.)											
1933—June ...	103·2	277·4	380·6	18·1	94·5	55·1	65·0	78·4		44·2	
1939—July ...	130·5	393·4	523·9	24·7	158·8	57·9	77·4	103·0		(d)	
1941—July ...	141·5	406·2	547·7	26·0	202·1	54·0	76·8	41·6	43·6	49·3	
1943—July ...	156·9	365·2	522·1	25·1	217·8	30·1	79·9	28·7	33·4	39·6	
1944—July ...	152·2	372·0	524·2	24·4	217·6	28·2	82·3	28·5	34·0	42·6	
1945—July ...	156·7	384·5	541·2	24·7	216·6	34·2	86·0	30·2	35·6	45·8	
1946—July ...	169·8	455·6	625·4	25·7	239·7	45·1	97·3	42·1	51·2	57·0	
1947—May ...	177·4	490·6	668·0	26·4	250·8	55·1	102·0	45·7	56·1	62·5	
June ...	178·2	493·6	671·8	26·6	252·1	55·7	102·8	46·4	56·4	62·4	
July ...	179·0	497·7	676·7	26·7	254·8	57·0	102·7	46·6	56·7	62·9	
Aug. ...	179·6	499·8	679·4	26·8	256·3	56·8	102·8	46·9	56·7	63·5	
Sept. ...	180·4	503·0	683·4	27·2	257·1	57·4	103·7	47·5	57·2	63·5	
Oct. ...	180·6	505·8	686·4	27·1	257·7	57·5	104·9	48·1	57·4	63·8	
Nov. ...	180·6	507·3	687·9	27·1	257·7	57·5	104·4	49·0	58·0	63·9	
Dec. ...	181·7	506·9	688·6	27·3	256·8	57·0	103·6	50·3	58·8	64·5	
1948—Jan. ...	182·2	507·5	689·7	27·3	258·0	57·5	104·4	48·9	58·9	64·7	
Feb. ...	182·9	511·0	693·9	27·6	259·3	58·1	105·3	48·6	58·6	65·2	
Mar. ...	183·6	512·2	695·8	27·8	259·1	59·0	105·8	49·0	59·1	64·9	
April ...	185·3	513·9	699·2	27·8	260·3	59·3	107·3	49·2	59·8	64·4	
May ...	185·8	514·2	700·0	27·8	260·2	60·1	107·0	49·4	59·3	64·9	
FEMALES. (Thousands.)											
1933—June ...	16·8	109·0	125·8	0·1	36·3	0·3	3·7	33·6		49·4	
1939—July ...	19·4	148·6	168·0	0·1	59·3	0·5	4·2	44·5		(d)	
1941—July ...	21·7	196·6	218·3	0·2	70·0	0·7	8·2	41·0	17·8	60·2	
1943—July ...	46·1	207·7	253·8	0·2	94·6	0·7	12·9	38·5	20·6	65·9	
1944—July ...	45·6	205·4	251·0	0·2	91·6	0·7	13·8	36·3	20·7	67·7	
1945—July ...	43·4	203·3	246·7	0·2	85·7	0·7	14·5	37·5	21·1	69·6	
1946—July ...	32·8	210·2	243·0	0·2	83·1	0·9	12·9	39·2	21·1	73·3	
1947—May ...	32·1	219·4	251·5	0·2	86·5	1·1	12·7	40·7	22·1	77·0	
June ...	32·3	219·8	252·1	0·2	86·5	1·0	12·8	40·7	22·2	77·1	
July ...	32·3	220·6	252·9	0·2	87·0	1·0	12·8	40·9	22·3	77·1	
Aug. ...	32·6	222·8	255·4	0·2	87·6	1·0	13·0	41·0	22·7	78·3	
Sept. ...	32·6	224·1	256·7	0·2	88·0	1·0	13·1	41·5	23·0	78·5	
Oct. ...	32·7	225·6	258·3	0·2	88·5	1·0	13·2	41·8	23·2	78·8	
Nov. ...	32·6	228·1	260·7	0·2	88·9	1·0	13·2	43·4	23·3	79·3	
Dec. ...	32·6	228·2	260·8	0·2	88·4	1·0	13·3	44·3	23·4	78·8	
1948—Jan. ...	32·9	224·5	257·4	0·2	86·7	1·0	13·4	43·0	23·0	78·6	
Feb. ...	33·3	225·9	259·2	0·3	87·6	1·0	13·5	42·6	23·3	79·3	
Mar. ...	33·4	226·7	260·1	0·2	88·4	1·0	13·5	42·5	23·6	79·0	
April ...	33·2	226·4	259·6	0·2	88·0	1·0	13·2	42·7	23·4	79·6	
May ...	33·6	227·1	260·7	0·2	88·4	1·1	13·6	42·9	23·5	79·6	
TOTAL. (Thousands.)											
1933—June ...	120·0	386·4	506·4	18·2	130·8	55·4	68·7	112·0		93·6	
1939—July ...	155·9	542·0	697·9	24·8	218·1	58·4	81·6	147·5		(d)	
1941—July ...	163·2	602·8	766·0	26·2	278·1	54·7	85·0	82·6	61·4	109·5	
1943—July ...	203·0	572·9	775·9	25·3	312·4	30·8	92·8	67·2	54·0	105·5	
1944—July ...	197·8	577·4	775·2	24·6	309·2	28·9	96·1	64·8	54·7	110·3	
1945—July ...	200·1	587·8	787·9	24·9	302·3	34·9	100·5	67·7	56·7	115·4	
1946—July ...	202·6	665·8	868·4	25·9	322·8	46·0	110·2	81·3	72·3	130·3	
1947—May ...	209·5	710·0	919·5	26·6	337·3	56·2	114·7	86·4	78·2	139·5	
June ...	210·5	713·4	923·9	26·8	338·6	56·7	115·6	87·1	78·6	139·5	
July ...	211·3	718·3	929·6	26·9	341·8	58·0	115·5	87·5	79·0	140·0	
Aug. ...	212·2	712·6	924·8	27·0	343·9	57·8	115·8	87·9	79·4	141·8	
Sept. ...	213·0	727·1	940·1	27·4	345·1	58·4	116·8	89·0	80·2	142·0	
Oct. ...	213·3	731·4	944·7	27·3	346·2	58·5	118·1	89·9	80·6	142·6	
Nov. ...	213·2	735·4	948·6	27·3	346·6	58·5	117·6	92·4	81·3	143·2	
Dec. ...	214·3	735·1	949·4	27·5	345·2	58·0	116·9	94·6	82·2	143·3	
1948—Jan. ...	215·1	732·0	947·1	27·5	344·7	58·5	117·8	91·9	81·9	143·3	
Feb. ...	216·2	736·9	953·1	27·9	346·9	59·1	118·8	91·2	81·0	144·5	
Mar. ...	217·0	738·9	955·9	28·0	347·5	60·0	119·3	91·5	82·7	143·9	
April ...	218·5	740·3	958·8	28·0	348·3	60·3	120·5	91·9	83·2	144·0	
May ...	219·4	741·3	960·7	28·0	348·6	61·2	120·6	92·3	82·8	144·5	

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1947, subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

(d) Not available.

29. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	141	164	155	173	165	170	198
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	145	159	161	174	181	201	208
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	146	164	165	171	185	199	212
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	147	164	162	172	189	198	218
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	144	166	172	178	192	198	203
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	154	174	176	176	197	208	...
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	158	171	177	184	195	212	...
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	157	181	181	177	195	212	...
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	158	171	172	180	201	214	...
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	163	162	169	174	203	211	...
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	161	164	171	179	200	214	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	165	163	169	123	180	214	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	154	167	170	172	191	204	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

30. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Zinc (Electrolytic).		Tin (Standard).		Gold (Fine).	
	per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946 ...	4	8.02	56	8 6	55	0 2	414	19 0	10	15 3
1947 ...	4	4.27	90	2 0	67	6 4	502	12 2	10	15 3
1947—January ...	5	4.17	77	14 10	66	1 1	454	1 7	10	15 3
February ...	4	3.42	79	5 5	65	11 4	454	1 7	10	15 3
March ...	4	6.44	81	18 1	68	3 8	454	1 7	10	15 3
April ...	4	4.98	93	15 11	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
May ...	4	3.04	96	0 1	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
June ...	3	11.75	94	3 0	64	16 4	523	12 10	10	15 3
July ...	3	8.90	93	1 5	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
August ...	3	9.40	92	3 0	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
September ...	4	1.07	93	14 7	65	4 7	521	14 3	10	15 3
October ...	4	4.96	93	15 2	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
November ...	4	8.56	92	3 11	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
December ...	4	8.56	93	9 0	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
1948—January ...	4	7.85	94	13 3	68	17 6	612	5 3	10	15 3
February ...	4	7.58	92	3 9	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
March ...	4	9.87	98	6 4	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
April ...	4	9.87	102	5 3	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3

31. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26'2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27'8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28'0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30'5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33'1
1948—March ...	1,192	1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36'1

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

32. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
†1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0
1948 ...	114 0	116 0	...	...	113 0	115 0	...	...

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Estimated, 30th September, 1947:—New South Wales, Males, 1,497,415; Females, 1,497,320; Total, 2,994,735—or 39'4 per cent. of population of Australia. Sydney and Suburbs (Census 30th June, 1947), 1,484,004.

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